

NCLB Making a Difference in New York



- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases federal education funding for New York to more than \$8.8 billion – 47% more than when the President took office.
- President Bush's 2005 budget proposal increases Title I funding to \$1.4 billion – \$553.4 million over 2001 levels – to help New York's neediest children.
- New York has received \$221.7 million in reading grants to help schools and districts improve children's reading achievement through scientifically proven methods of instruction since 2002. President Bush's proposed budget includes an additional \$82.2 million for New York. In total, over six years, New York is set to receive approximately \$460.8 million in Reading First funds.
- "Oswego elementary students will benefit from a substantial Reading First grant that has been awarded to the Oswego City School District. The grant will be used to provide training for teachers, support for low-performing students, help communities with family literacy programs and to assist students for whom English is a second language. Director of Literacy Irene Dewey said, 'I am excited and thrilled this has been provided for Oswego. The Reading First program provides the opportunity for targeted schools to effect systematic change based on scientific research. As a result of implementing this grant, administrators, coaches, classroom teachers and special education teachers will be trained in best practices based on scientific research. Classroom instruction will be intensive, explicit and employ intervention strategies to enable all students to reach proficiency in reading,' Dewey said." (*Oswego Daily News*, 2/17/04)
- "State education officials released a list of 1,012 schools that had made substantial gains on statewide English and math tests, including several New York City schools in poor neighborhoods where a sizable majority of students were scoring above grade level." (*New York Times*, 2/24/04)
- "The Buffalo City School District has received a \$150,000 grant to begin working toward smaller classes in three high schools. The grant comes from the U.S. Department of Education's Smaller Learning Communities Program, which aims to reduce class sizes in schools with more than 1,000 students." (*New York Times*, 6/26/04)